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PRESS STATEMENT: 23/11/70.

FROM: THE MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER (MR. BROOMHILL).

SUBJECT: FEDERAL CONFERENCE OF THE MUSICIANS UNION.

"The Government's plans for the additional performing arts facilities should open up new avenues of employment for artists and performers in South Australia," the Minister assisting the Premier, (Mr. Broomhill) said today.

Mr. Broomhill was opening the Federal Conference of the Musicians Union at Kent Town today.

He said that the new Festival Theatre and other performing arts facilities which were being investigated by the Government would lead to a new high level of activity in the performing arts in South Australia.

Mr. Broomhill said that these developments, combined with the Government's plan to intensively develop the State tourist industry would mean that employment opportunities for musicians, individually and in groups, would also increase.

"I think I can say at this stage that there will be an increasing demand in South Australia and especially in major tourist areas for the provision of quality entertainment in restaurants, hotels and cabarets."

Mr. Broomhill said that he understood that the professional musicians union is concerned at the moment about conditions under which some non-unionised musicians are working.

"It is a pity to hear of young musicians being employed in some hotels and cabarets at rates which are so low that it can be said that the only payment the groups are receiving is the promise of publicity."

"I hope that the union can succeed in achieving the kind of representative membership that could end this kind of operation, damaging as it is to both the musicians and to the venues concerned."
